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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 64-86 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 64-86 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 April 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 4/12/06 has been entered.

Specification

Applicant's amendments made to the specification to obviate objections of the previous Office Action are acknowledged. However, it is suggested that Applicant provide these amendments in proper form by using a strike-through for deleted text and underlining for added text. See 37 C.F.R. 1.121(b).

Claim Objections

2. Claims **69-72, 78-80, and 82-86** are objected to because of the following informalities:

Regarding claims **69-72**, on line 1 of each of these claims, an objection is made to the phrase "the service". It is unclear what "service" this limitation is referring to in claim **64**. A suggestion would be to replace "the service" with "a service" in each of these claims.

Regarding claims **78-80 and 83**, on line 1 of each of these claims, an objection is made to the phrase "the service". It is unclear what "service" this limitation is referring

to in claim **76**. A suggestion would be to replace “the service” with “a service” in each of these claims.

Regarding claim **82**, on line 1, an objection is made to the phrase “the domains” as only one “domain” is claimed in claim **76**. A suggestion would be to change the phrase “the domains comprise” with “a domain comprises”.

Regarding claims **84-86**, on line 1 of each of these claims, an objection is made to the phrase “the distributed collaborative communication service”. It is unclear what “service” this limitation is referring to in claim **76**. A suggestion would be to replace “the distributed collaborative communication service” with “a distributed collaborative communication service” in each of these claims.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims **64-86** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ludwig et al. (U.S. 6,237,025) (hereinafter “Ludwig”). *Ludwig* teaches all of the limitations of the specified claims with the reasoning that follows.

Regarding claim **64**, “a method of routing messages between endpoints during a collaborative communication session” is anticipated by the two-party conferencing call establishment method shown in Figure 23.

“Receiving a message from an endpoint engaged in the collaborative communication session” is anticipated by the AVNM 63 of Figure 21 that receives a request (message) from the caller’s Collaboration Initiator (endpoint) to place a video call to the callee with the specified address as shown by step (5) of Figure 23 and spoken of on column 22, lines 10-12.

“Determining a destination address from the message and identifying a domain associated with the identified destination address” is anticipated by AVNM 63 of Figure 21 that queries the Service server 69 to find a service instance corresponding to the callee’s address (destination address) that identifies the location (domain) of the callee’s Collaboration Initiator as spoken of on column 22, lines 12-17.

Lastly, “wherein the domain determines how the message is routed” is anticipated by the service instance discovered by the AVNM 63 of Figure 21 that indicates whether the callee is local or at a remote site (domain) and the corresponding forwarding (routing) of the request depending upon the service instance.

Regarding claim **65**, “wherein a destination endpoint and domain are associated with an instance of a media service participating in the multimedia collaboration session” is anticipated by AVNM 63 of Figure 21 that queries the Service server 69 to find a service instance corresponding to the callee’s address (destination endpoint address) that identifies the location (domain) of the callee’s Collaboration Initiator as spoken of on column 22, lines 12-17.

Regarding claim **66**, “wherein a destination endpoint and domain are associated with an instance of a control service participating in the multimedia collaboration

session” is anticipated by AVNM 63 of Figure 21 that queries the Service server 69 to find a service instance (control instance) corresponding to the callee’s address (destination endpoint address) that identifies the location (domain) of the callee’s Collaboration Initiator as spoken of on column 22, lines 12-17.

Regarding claim **67**, “wherein the destination endpoint and domain are associated with a user participating in the multimedia collaboration session” is anticipated by AVNM 63 of Figure 21 that queries the Service server 69 to find a service instance corresponding to the callee’s address (destination endpoint address) that identifies the location (domain) of the callee’s (user) Collaboration Initiator as spoken of on column 22, lines 12-17.

Regarding claim **68**, “wherein the endpoint and destination endpoint belong to different domains” is anticipated by the caller’s Collaboration Initiator (endpoint) as well the callee (destination endpoint) located at a remote site as spoken of on column 22, lines 3-24.

Regarding claim **69**, “wherein the service is local to the destination endpoint’s domain” is anticipated by the service instance discovered by the AVNM 63 of Figure 21 that indicates whether the callee is local or at a remote site (domain).

Regarding claim **70**, “wherein the service is remote from the destination endpoint’s domain” is anticipated by the service instance discovered by the AVNM 63 of Figure 21 that indicates whether the callee is local or at a remote site (domain).

Regarding claim **71**, “wherein the service is a peer-to-peer communication” is anticipated by is anticipated by the caller’s Collaboration Initiator (endpoint) as well the callee (destination endpoint) located locally as spoken of on column 22, lines 3-24.

Regarding claim **72**, “wherein the service is a component of a distributed collaborative communication service” is anticipated by the discovered service instance by AVNM 63 of Figure 21.

Regarding claim **73**, “wherein the distributed collaborative communication service comprises a video service” is anticipated by the videoconferencing spoken of on column 21, lines 44-64.

Regarding claim **74**, “wherein the distributed collaborative communication service comprises an audio conferencing service” is anticipated by the videoconferencing spoken of on column 21, lines 44-64.

Regarding claim **75**, “wherein the distributed collaborative communication service comprises a file sharing service” is anticipated by the data conferencing (file sharing) spoken of on column 26, lines 27-63.

Regarding claim **76**, “a system for routing messages between endpoints during a collaborative communication session” is anticipated by the collaboration system shown in Figure 1.

“A receiver configured to receive a multi-media message from an endpoint engaged in the collaborative communication session” is anticipated by the AVNM 63 (receiver) of Figure 21 that receives a request (multi-media message) from the caller’s

Collaboration Initiator (endpoint) to place a video call to the callee with the specified address as shown by step (5) of Figure 23 and spoken of on column 22, lines 10-12.

“An identification module configured to determine a destination address and domain associated with the destination address” is anticipated by AVNM 63 (Identification module) of Figure 21 that queries the Service server 69 to find a service instance corresponding to the callee’s address (destination address) that identifies the location (domain) of the callee’s Collaboration Initiator as spoken of on column 22, lines 12-17.

“Wherein the domain determines the routing of the message” is anticipated by the service instance discovered by the AVNM 63 of Figure 21 that indicates whether the callee is local or at a remote site (domain) and the corresponding forwarding (routing) of the request depending upon the service instance.

Lastly, “a transmitter configured to route the multi-media message to a destination endpoint in accordance with the identified domain” is anticipated by AVNM 63 of Figure 21 (transmitter) that forwards (routes) the request (multi-media message) locally or to a remote location as spoken of on column 22, lines 18-24.

Regarding claim 77, “wherein the endpoint and destination endpoint belong to different domains” is anticipated by the caller’s Collaboration Initiator (endpoint) as well the callee (destination endpoint) located at a remote site as spoken of on column 22, lines 3-24.

Regarding claim **78**, “wherein the service is local to the destination endpoint’s domain” is anticipated by the service instance discovered by the AVNM 63 of Figure 21 that indicates whether the callee is local or at a remote site (domain).

Regarding claim **79**, “wherein the service is remote from the destination endpoint’s domain” is anticipated by the service instance discovered by the AVNM 63 of Figure 21 that indicates whether the callee is local or at a remote site (domain).

Regarding claim **80**, “wherein the service is a peer-to-peer communication” is anticipated by is anticipated by the caller’s Collaboration Initiator (endpoint) as well the callee (destination endpoint) located locally as spoken of on column 22, lines 3-24.

Regarding claim **81**, “wherein the domain further comprises core services” is anticipated by the service instance discovered by the AVNM 63 of Figure 21 that indicates whether the callee is local or at a remote site (domain).

Regarding claim **82**, “wherein the domains comprise collaborative communication service that enable endpoints to engage in the collaborative communication session” is anticipated by the caller’s Collaboration Initiator (endpoint) as well the callee (destination endpoint) located at a remote site as spoken of on column 22, lines 3-24.

Regarding claim **83**, “wherein the service is a distributed collaborative communication service” is anticipated by the discovered service instance by AVNM 63 of Figure 21.

Regarding claim **84**, “wherein the distributed collaborative communication service comprises a video service” is anticipated by the videoconferencing spoken of on column 21, lines 44-64.

Regarding claim **85**, "wherein the distributed collaborative communication service comprises an audio conferencing service" is anticipated by the videoconferencing spoken of on column 21, lines 44-64.

Regarding claim **86**, "wherein the distributed collaborative communication service comprises a file sharing service" is anticipated by the data conferencing (file sharing) spoken of on column 26, lines 27-63.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Baxley et al. (U.S. 6,657,975), and Donahue et al. (U.S. 6,965,593) are additional references considered pertinent to this application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael J. Moore, Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-3168. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00am - 4:30pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Seema S. Rao can be reached at (571) 272-3174. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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